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For : METHODS FOR USING RESONANCE ENERGY TRANSFER-BASED
ASSAY OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE GLYCOPROTEIN-MEDIATED
MEMBRANE FUSION, AND KITS FOR PRACTICING SAME

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 3, 2003
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the February 3, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 3, 2003 Office Action was originally due on May 3, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The required small entity fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response was due on August 3, 2003. August 3, 2003 was a Sunday, however. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a), when the day for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on a Saturday, Sunday or on a Federal Holiday, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday. Thus, the time for filing a Response in this matter is extended under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a), until Monday, August 4, 2003. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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